

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 10, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner found claims 19, 39, 49, and 50 allowable. In addition, the Examiner found claims 4, 5, 24, 25, and 42-46 allowable if re-written in independent form. Applicants have re-written Claims 4, 24, 42 and 44-46 in either independent form. Claims 5, 25 and 43 are now dependent from allowable independent claims.

Cancelled Claims

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-3, 6-18, 20-23, 26-38, 40, 41, 47 and 48 without prejudice to a later filed continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims 4, 5, 19, 24, 25, 39, 42-46, 49 and 50 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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